

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

9:30 a.m.

Room 426 State Capitol, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11)

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2006, supported by Representative Spade. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5033 before the Committee.

HB 5033 Ball Property tax; exemptions; methane digester and methane digester electric generating system; exempt.

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt HB 5033 (H-7), supported by Representative Casperson.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Ball spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5033 (H-7).

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, discussed the provisions of the bill with Committee members.

Representative Ball made a motion to amend HB 5033 (H-7) as follows, supported by Representative Stahl.

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after "property" by inserting "**OR REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (J) (i)**".
2. Amend page 4, line 23, after "A" by striking out "**2-YEAR**" and inserting "**1-YEAR**".

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Casperson made a motion to report HB 5033 (H-8) with recommendation, supported by Representative Hune.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card indicating support for the concept of HB 5033.

Representative Mayes made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Sheltroun. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:10 a.m.

Representative Neal Nitz/Chair

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